

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification on page 5, second paragraph, as follows:

Figure 1 schematically illustrates a dispensing system 2 for dispensing cold and boiling water from a tap 4. The tap 4 includes a body 6, outlet nozzles 8 and 10 and operating handle 12 (the nozzle 10 is located behind the nozzle 8, in the drawing of Figure 1). Within the body 6 and coupled to the handle 12 is a valve assembly 14. The system includes a boiler 16 which has a cold water inlet 18, boiling water outlet 20 and vent outlet 22. The valve assembly 14 receives chilled water on inlet line 24 and cold water on inlet line 26. It is not energy efficient to supply chilled water to the boiler 16 and so a separate inlet line 26 is provided for this purpose. The valve assembly is arranged to deliver cold water via line 28 to the cold water nozzle 10 or cold water to the inlet 18 of the boiler via line 30. As will be explained below, the user operates the handle 12 in order to deliver either chilled water directly to the nozzle 10 or cold water to the inlet 18 of the boiler by manipulation of the handle 12. When the boiler 16 receives cold water at its inlet 18, boiling water is expelled from the outlet 20 and delivered to the nozzle 8 by means of a boiling water line 32. A vent line 34 is connected from the vent outlet 22 to a vent opening 36 adjacent to the nozzles 8 and 10. Normally the nozzles 8 and 10 will be located above a sink or the like so that any condensation produced at the vent opening 36 will drip into the sink.

Please amend the Specification on page 6, second paragraph, as follows:

The valve assembly 14 includes a valve plate 50, as best seen in Figures 3 and 4. The valve plate 50 has soldered thereto the lines 24, 26, 28 and 30. These communicate with ducts extending through the valve plate, as will be described in more detail below. The valve plate also cooperates with a ceramic valve disc 52. The valve disc 52 is provided with a recess ~~54-168~~. On rotation of the disc 52 about the axis 40, the recess ~~54-168~~ can be aligned with the ducts which connect with the lines 24 and 28 thereby enabling delivery of chilled water to the nozzle 10. The disc 52 has a

bore ~~56-170~~ thereithrough which can be aligned with a bore through the plate 50 which is coupled to the line 30 on appropriate rotation of the disc 52. The valve assembly includes a plunger 58 which prevents unchilled water from the line 26 entering the chamber 60 until the plunger 58 is elevated. Elevation of the plunger 58 occurs when the handle 12 is pressed downwardly causing rotation about the axis 44. This permits unchilled water to pass from the line 26 into the chamber 60 and then through the bore ~~56-170~~, plate 50 and into the line 30 extending to the inlet of the boiler 16. This operation will be described in more detail below. Unchilled water entering the inlet of the boiler causes boiling water to be delivered to the nozzle 8 via the line 32.

Please amend the Specification on page 10, fourth paragraph, as follows:

The ceramic disc 52 and ceramic insert 158 are shown in more detail in Figures 37 to 41. It will be seen that the disc 52 includes a central bore 164 through which the spigot 134 passes. The lower face 166 of the disc 52 includes ~~a~~ the part annular recess 168 which extends through about 55% of arc. The disc also includes ~~a~~ the bore 170 and diametrically opposed keyways 169 on its outer periphery. The keyways 169 enable interlocking with other parts of the valve assembly so that the disc 52 is rotated with the handle 12 when it is rotated about the axis 40 but the mounting plate 50 remains stationary.